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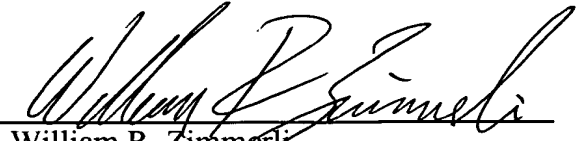
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thing, esp. a musical composition. [Ital. < Lat. *finalis*, final.]
fi·nal·ist (fī'nāl-ist) *n.* A contestant in the final session of a competition.
fi·nal·ity (fī'nāl-ī-tē, fā-) *n., pl. -ties* 1. The condition or state of being final. 2. A final, conclusive, or decisive act or utterance.
fi·nal·ize (fī'nāl-īz) *tr.v.* -ized, -iz-ing, -iz-es. To put into final form; complete. —**fi·nal·i·za·tion** *n.*
Usage: *Finalize* is frequently associated with the language of bureaucracy and so is objected to by many writers. The sentence we will *finalize plans* for a class reunion was unacceptable to the vast majority of the Usage Panel. While *finalize* has no single exact synonym, a substitute can always be found from among *complete*, *conclude*, *make final*, and *put in final form*. See also *Usage* note at *ize*.
fi·nance (fā-nāns', fī-, fī'nāns') *n.* 1. The science of the management of money and other assets. 2. The management of money, banking, investments, and credit. 3. *finance*. Monetary resources; funds, esp. of a government or corporate body. —*tr.v.* -nanced, -nanc-ing, -nances. 1. To supply the funds or capital for: *financed the new car*. 2. To supply funds to: *financing a daughter through law school*. 3. To furnish credit to: [ME *finance*, money supply < OFr. *fin*, *finance*, gift < *finer*, to pay ransom < *fin*, end < Lat. *finis*, end.]
finance bill *n.* A legislative act designed to raise public revenues.
finance company *n.* A company that makes loans to individuals.
fi·nan·cial (fā-nān'shəl, fī-) *adj.* Of, pertaining to, or involving finance, finances, or financiers. —**fi·nan·cial·ly** *adv.*
Synonyms: *financial, pecuniary, fiscal, monetary.* The adjectives refer in various senses to money. *Financial* and *pecuniary* are used in the broadest application but often has reference to transactions involving money on a large scale. *Pecuniary* is appropriate to the private, small-scale dealings of individuals. *Fiscal* applies principally to the policies and practices of a branch of government as they relate to money. *Monetary* has special reference to actual money, its coinage, printing, or its circulation.
fin·an·cier (fī'nān-sir', fā-nān', fī'nān-) *n.* One who is occupied with or expert in large-scale financial affairs.
OFr. < *finance*, gift. —see *FINANCE*.
fin·back (fī'n'bāk') *n.* The thorax.
finch (fīnch) *n.* Any of various relatively small birds of the family Fringillidae, as a goldfinch, bullfinch, cardinal, house finch, junco, or canary, having a short, stout bill adapted for eating seeds. [ME < OE *finc*.]
find (fīnd) *v.* **found** (found), **find·ing**, **finds**. —*tr.* 1. To come upon, often by accident; meet with. 2. To come upon by search: *find the cause of the trouble*. 3. To come upon through observation, experience, or study: *found the answer to the problem*. 4. To succeed in reaching; arrive at: *found the mark*. 5. To obtain or acquire by going to: *found the money by economizing*. 6. To consider: *found the charm irresistible*. 7. To recover (something): *found my keys*. 8. To recover the use of; regain: *found my voice and replied*. 9. To decide on and make a decision about: *deliberated and found a verdict*. 10. To find out: *found the truth*. 11. a. To bring (oneself) to an awareness of: *found his wishes to be and to die*. b. To perceive (something) to be in a specific condition or place. —*intr.* To come upon by decision or verdict: *The jury found for the plaintiff*. —**phrasal verb.** **find out**. 1. To discover in a search: *The burglar was found out almost at once*. 2. To find out the true nature or character of; expose: *Liar! He was found out*. 3. To determine, ascertain, or corroborate: *found out the truth*. If you're not sure, *find out*. —*n.* 1. A thing: *Something that is found, esp. an unexpected discovery*. [ME *finden* < OE *findan*.] —**find·er** (fīn'dər) *n.* 1. One that finds. 2. A device that indicates to the photographer what part of the field of view of the lens. 3. *Astron.* A device that indicates to the body of a larger one for location or observation with the larger telescope.
finder's fee *n.* A fee paid to the finder of treasure or for a venture or to a party that brings the treasure together in a venture.
fin de siècle (fān' də sē-ēk'lə) *adj.* Of or characteristic of the last part of the 19th century, esp. with reference to the artistic climate of effete sophistication. [Fr. *fin* = of + *siècle*, century.]
find·ing (fīn'ding) *n.* 1. Something that has been found. 2. **Often findings.** A conclusion reached after an investigation or discovery. 3. **findings.** Small tools and instruments used by an artisan, as a jeweler.
fine¹ (fīn) *adj.* **fin·er**, **fin·est**. 1. Of superior quality: *a fine day*; *a fine writer*. 2. Very fine: *a fine weight*, or bulk: *fine type*. 3. a. Free from impurities: *fine metal*. b. Containing pure metal in a specified amount. 4. Very sharp; keen: *a fine blade*. 5. Thin; slender: *fine hairs*. 6. Showing great care and delicacy: *fine china*. 7. Of great care and delicacy: *fine china*. 8. Of extremely small particles; not coarse: *fine dust*. 9. **fine²** (fīn) *adj.* **fin·er**, **fin·est**. 1. Able to make a very fine distinction: *a fine difference*. 2. Able to make a very fine distinction: *a fine difference*. 3. Able to make a very fine distinction: *a fine difference*. 4. Able to make a very fine distinction: *a fine difference*. 5. Able to make a very fine distinction: *a fine difference*. 6. Able to make a very fine distinction: *a fine difference*. 7. Able to make a very fine distinction: *a fine difference*. 8. Able to make a very fine distinction: *a fine difference*. 9. Trained to the highest degree of physical or mental ability: *a fine horse*.
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